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2020 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MANY EVENTS LISTED ON THIS FORM ARE CANCELLED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, BUT FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE EVENT SPONSOR.

If YOU KNOW OF ANY CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE US TO MAKE ON UPCOMING EVENTS BELOW, EMAIL PGRIFFIN@VISITCHAPELHILL.ORG AND/OR TIFULLER@VISITCHAPELHILL.ORG

CALENDAR IS UPDATED MONTHLY TO REFLECT THROUGH THE END OF YEAR AS WE RECEIVE UPDATES

September

September 13-December 6. Sculpture in the Garden. Exhibit on display up to three months. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. Annual display of nearly 60 one-of-a kind sculptures placed amid the native wildflowers and shrubs to delight garden visitors. (919) 962-0522. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. <http://ncbg.unc.edu/>

October

CANCELED. October 2-3. 27th Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo. Gates opens 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm both nights. Efland Ruritan Club, Efland; Featuring all the classic events of rodeo such as Ranch Style Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Cowgirls Break-Away Roping, Calf Roping, Barrel Racing and of course Bull Riding, clowns, special entertainment, good food and more. (919) 971-1129. Hwy 70, I-40/85 Exit 160. Adults \$15, children 5-12 \$7, age 4 and under free. Military members in uniform are admitted for \$7 and those showing a military ID (active, reserve or retired receive a \$14 discount). Parking is free. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. 3009 Forrest Ave, Efland. www.eflandruritanclub.com/rodeo

October 3-4. 23rd Carrboro Music Festival. The 2020 Carrboro Music Festival will be held **virtually** this year, moving to the first weekend in October. This year marks the 23rd Anniversary of the Festival. The event is a product of a coordinated effort by the Carrboro Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Resources Department and the Carrboro Music Festival Planning Committee. It's supported by the Town of Carrboro and the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority. 97.9 The Hill is a partner this year as well. (919) 918-7367. www.carrboromusicfestival.com.

October 12. University Day. Virtual event. Celebrate the 227th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the oldest public university in the country. UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; UNC Office of Special Projects (919) 962-0045. <https://www.unc.edu/universityday/>

October 14-31. Film Fest 919. The Chapel Hill, NC based festival returns with an expanded look this year. FILM FEST 919 will present screenings at two outdoor venues in Chapel Hill. The newly-created Drive-in at Carraway Village and The Green at Southern Village. FILM FEST 919 will open on Wednesday, October 14th with showings on Wednesdays – Saturdays and close on October 31st.. <http://filmfest919.com/>

October 17-18. Tarheel Antiques Festival. Admission \$5. The festival features antique vendors, auctions and appraisals. Located at the historic Barn at Lloyd's Dairy centrally located between the Triangle and Triad regions of North Carolina at the merge of Interstate 40 & 85. Friday- Setup/ Preview Day for Vendors: 10 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday -Main Day: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Festival opens to the public featuring antique and craft vendors, auctions, appraisal and Christmas themed activities and entertainment. Sunday. Grande Finale Day: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Final day final day for wonderful deals and to take advantage of the collection of the finest antiques, vintage vendors and crafters in America. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 732-7322 or www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com

October 22-26. Vietri Virtual Warehouse Sale will surprise and delight each day with new and exciting specials featuring unique VIETRI treasures from years past, stories of how it all began, and daily deals! Receive up to 80% off discontinued, slightly flawed, and one-of-a-kind Italian handcrafted dinnerware, glassware, flatware, home décor, and more! Limited quantities available. While supplies last. Vietri is in Hillsborough.
<https://www.vietri.com/pages/warehouse-sale>

CANCELED October TBA. Festifall. Annual celebration that brings the community together around a diverse array of arts experiences. The Arts & Craft Market will have more than 50 local artists, artisans, and crafters offering everything from jewelry and pottery to musical instruments and fabrics. The Open Air Studio will have area artists working out in the open, showing off their techniques and artistry. The Kids Zone will have local arts organizations offering interactive crafts and activities for young artists and art lovers. Throughout the festival, attendees of all ages will have opportunities to create art alongside artists. **West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. Time TBA. Free.** www.chapelhillfestifall.com

CANCELED October 23-24 "Spirits of Hillsborough" Hillsborough, the oldest town in the Triangle, is haunted! Join the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and The Orange Community Players for the annual Haunted Tour through the historic district to encounter these ghostly residents! This fun and dramatic tour will bring you face-to-face with Hillsborough's past. Route and theme to come. Tours last approximately one hour. The ghost performances are family-friendly, but please be aware that this is a walking tour over several blocks, and may include hills and uneven ground. Tickets are timed and groups depart from the Hillsborough Visitors Center (150 E. King St.). Friday tours every 20 min: 7:40 pm – 9 pm and Saturday every 20 minutes, 5 pm – 9 pm. Tickets: Adult – \$15, Senior/Student – \$12. Children 5-12 – \$5. Call (919) 732-7741 or www.visithillsboroughnc.com.

CANCELED. October 30. Halloween Carnival, Carrboro Town Commons. Carnival games and prizes. Popcorn, sodas, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee with be sold at concessions (cash only). 6 pm – 8:30 pm. Free. www.carrbororec.org (919) 918-7364.

CANCELED. October 31. Homegrown Halloween, Chapel Hill. www.townofchapelhill.org (919) 968-2760. (thousands in Halloween costumes flock to downtown Chapel Hill's Franklin Street.) . Look out for upcoming details on this organic event for 2020.

CANCELED October TBA. West End Poetry Festival. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and all day Saturday. Event will feature receptions, Poetry readings, Panel sessions, workshops, an open mic and more. Sponsored by the Town of Carrboro and planned by the Carrboro Poets Council. Free. <http://www.westendpoetryfestival.org/schedule-of-events/> (919) 918-7364.

CANCELED October TBA. River Park Concert. Free Concert at River Park in downtown Hillsborough, 144 E. Margaret Lane from Noon – 8:00 pm. This year's amazing lineup TBA. Day ends with All-Star Jam. Bring your chairs and blankets. Food, beer and more. Visit <https://www.hillsboroughcouncil.org/riverparkconcert>

November

Fall show will be virtual. Dates TBA. 26th Annual Orange County Open Studio Tour. Orange County; Over 90 artists invite you into their studios to see where and how they work. Sponsor: Orange County Artists Guild (919) 933-7880. <https://www.ocagnc.org/>

November 20-29. 15th Annual Carrboro Film Festival. Featuring virtual screenings, live-streamed filmmaker panels, and prize giveaways, the 15th Carrboro Film Fest is coming November 20 – 29. Southern films in one of the South's funkiest small towns. More info coming soon. <https://www.carrborofilm.org/> .

CANCELED. November TBA. Salt & Smoke Festival. Acme presents the eighth annual Salt & Smoke Festival at Rock Quarry Farm. Whole heritage hog BBQ and a heaping plate of southern sides, perfect raw oysters, the best local booze, live music all day long, and much more. Back-to-back live music shows and a DJ dance party! 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$85. 1700 NC HWY 54 W, Chapel Hill <https://saltandsmokefest.com/>

December (HOLIDAY EVENTS WILL BE UPDATED. THOSE IN RED ARE CONFIRMED TO DATE)

December TBA. Hillsborough Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting & Light Up the Night at 4:15 pm. The parade starts at Corbin Street, down Churton Street, left on Margaret Lane and north on Cameron. Food trucks on the Square beginning at 3 pm. After the parade, community sing and tree lighting. Details at www.hillsboroughchamber.com (919) 732-8156.

December TBA. Downtown Chapel Hill Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Chapel Hill in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church, 100 S. Columbia Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet children and take pictures! Music. 6pm. www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays (919) 967-9440.

December 1-January 3. 23rd Annual Twelve Days of Christmas. The Carolina Inn will be festively adorned for the holidays with elaborate decorations based on the traditional song, The Twelve Days of Christmas. There will be self-guided tours and a number of holiday activities, including

festive meals, brunch and lunch with Santa, cookie decorating, holiday teas, and much more. The Carolina Inn. Please visit <https://store.carolinainn.com/collections/12-days-of-christmas> or call (919) 918-2715.

CANCELED. December 5. 17th Annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show. 9 am – 4 pm. Shoppers can enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout the state. A wide variety of unique, handmade gifts and specialty items await you. Christmas music, a bake sale and a delicious hot lunch will put you in a festive mood. St. Thomas More School. (919) 929-1546. <http://www.stmcsnc.org>.

December 5. The 14th Annual Elf Fair Market, a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, will take place at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro 10am-4:30pm. Featuring over 30 local artists offering jewelry, pottery, clothing, accessories, candles, toys, and lots of unique, affordable items for all ages. The bar will be open for holiday beverages, and festive foods will be available during the event. A kids' zone will feature hands-on art projects and classic holiday films. <http://artscenterlive.org/outreach/elf-market/>

December 5. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, will be holding "**The Festival of the Society Tree**" (FeST), a fundraising event to benefit Orange County outreach programs featuring fine handcrafts and creative arts, homemade foods and baked goods, beautifully hand crafted wreaths and ornaments, and other unique gifts. 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. Sat 9am- 4 pm www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

December TBA. Preservation Chapel Hill's Holiday House Tour. The one-day event will feature homes in the West Chapel Hill and Cameron-McCauley Historic District. \$15-\$35. Tour is 1 pm – 5 pm. Guests are encouraged to end the tour at the historic Horace Williams House, located at 610 East Rosemary Street, where light refreshments will be served from 4:30-6pm. Visit <http://www.preservationchapelhill.org/> or call (919) 942-7818.

December 5: Winter in the Garden Holiday Festival. Enjoy the peaceful holiday splendor of the North Carolina Botanical Garden from 5-9 p.m. Enjoy holiday splendor in the Garden as we celebrate the end of the year with lights, kids crafts, holiday music, food trucks and a craft market. And remember, the Garden Shop is the perfect place to find those special gifts on your shopping list! Photos with Santa Rameses Jr. will be available from 5-8 p.m. **Ticket Prices:** In advance: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. At the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Timed entry tickets for 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm or 8 pm. Select your preferred time. 100 Old Mason Farm Road. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/event/winter-in-the-garden/>

December 5-6 *The Nutcracker* - Carolina Ballet on **December 5** at 2 pm and at 8 pm; **December 6** at 2 pm at Memorial Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Tickets start at \$47, Children 12 and under 50% off. Returning for the 13th time in as many seasons, Carolina Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* for a performance that has become a Chapel Hill holiday tradition. www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December TBA. 34th^d Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Tour is 1 pm – 7 pm. The tradition of opening a variety of private homes and historic sites continues, where visitors will find festive holiday decor, local musicians, and other holiday festivities. Tour Tickets available - includes access to all the homes and historic locations on the tour, miniature train, shuttle service near most locations, visits and picture-taking with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and live entertainment of many flavors. Take a **horse-drawn carriage ride**. Visit hillsboroughchamber.com as well as the chamber office 200 N. Churton. (919) 732-8156 for information as we get closer to the holidays. More information to come.

December 11 The Carrboro Town Tree Lighting at 6 pm with music by the children's chorus on the steps of Town Hall. Hear children from Carrboro Elementary and McDougle Elementary sing holiday tunes! 301 W. Main Street (919) 942-8541 www.townofcarrboro.org

December 11. Carrboro Cheer - Carr Mill by Candlelight 6 pm – 8 pm. Come join us for an evening to kick off the holiday season in - the whole Mill will be staying up late together to share in the spirit of the holidays! www.facebook.com/events/2147318112241959/ . Additional the 2nd Friday Holiday Artwalk in 6 pm – 9 pm. www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

CANCELED. December 12. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade, Downtown E. Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to Main Street in Carrboro ending at Town Hall, 10 am.
<http://www.chapelhillholidayparade.com/>

MOVED TO MAY 8, 2021. North Carolina High School Football Championships, Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. Times and classifications TBA. Visit site for teams and tickets information. <http://www.nchsaa.org/>

December 18-19. Nutcracker on Ice. Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Tickets \$10. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

THIS EVENT WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK. December 21. Solstice Celebration Lantern Walk. Walk along the Riverwalk with handmade lanterns which light up the night sky. The color theme for the lanterns again this year is all white. Please do not incorporate other colors into your lantern. This event is free and open to the public but all participants must register in advance and bring a handmade, white lantern with a LED light. No flames allowed. All participants must enter the Riverwalk from the Farmer's Market Pavilion only, 144 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. The 30-minute walk will begin at 5:45 pm. If you want to be a spectator, view from the Eno Parking Deck where free parking is available (behind Weaver Street Market). Only individuals with lanterns will be allowed to enter the Riverwalk. Hillsborough Arts Council, www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

[On-going Seasonal Events \(PLEASE CHECK THESE EVENTS AS MANY ARE NOT TAKING PLACE AT PRESENT\)](#)

[Guided Tours](#)

Free Walking Tours of Chapel Hill <http://www.freewalkingtourschapelhill.com/> - This is happening

A tour of the beautiful town of Chapel Hill, NC - learn about the history of the town and its relationship to the oldest state university in the USA. See the distinctive murals that decorate this slice of heaven. Get tips on where to dine, and hints on some of the hidden gems. Your guide is a native of Chapel Hill, and has lived here most of her life. Tours starting at Sundial at Morehead Planetarium at 250 E. Franklin Street. Click here for schedule as day and times differ <http://www.freewalkingtourschapelhill.com/schedule.php>

Guided Walking Tours of Historic Hillsborough from the Alliance of Historic Hillsborough. \$6 leaves from Alexander Dickson House, 150 E. King Street. www.visithillsboroughnc.com or call (919) 732-7741.

Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden

Year round free tours of the [Display Gardens](#) are offered **second Saturday of every month**. The 60-minute guided walk takes you through our habitat gardens and other displays that showcase the beauty of plants native to North Carolina. Meet inside the Education Center at 10 a.m.

March - November, free tours of [Coker Arboretum](#) are given the **third Saturday** of the month, **11 am**. The Arboretum is located on the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus, at the corner of Cameron Ave. and Raleigh St. Meet at the stone circle just inside the arboretum from the arbor.

Tours of the UNC Chapel Hill campus – Visit <http://www.unc.edu/visitors/>. Phone: (919) 962-1630. uncvisitorscenter@unc.edu Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Center is closed.

Walk This Way Tours (all tours \$5 per person) – check to see if these still offered

Three 90 minutes tours: \$5. *Town and Gown on East Franklin Street*, - Departing Horace Williams House, explore beautiful and historic Franklin Street and learn about the historic homes, residents and connection to UNC. ***Women on the Hill*** - This tour departs from the Horace Williams House and explores the amazing women who lived our neighborhood from 1800 to the present day. ***Old Chapel Hill Cemetery*** - This tour departs from the gazebo at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery and explores the final resting place of some of Chapel Hill's most interesting inhabitants. **Two 60 minutes tours: *West End & Northside Community*** – Between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, African Americans created a large community during Reconstruction. The community was home to many successful educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders. During the Civil Rights Movement, this community played an important role in the desegregation of Chapel Hill. Departs from Hargraves Recreational Center. ***Historic Downtown Carrboro*** – Have you ever wondered how Carrboro came to be? Or the story behind the Carr Mill Mall? Take a tour of Carrboro's historic mills, businesses, and homes. Departs from Carrboro Town Hall (301 W. Main Street, Carrboro). Tours dates can be found on the website www.preservationchapelhill.org. For more information or to schedule a private tour (must be 4 or more people) contact info@preservationchapelhill.org.

The Chapel Hill Historical Society is collaborating with Preservation Chapel Hill, presenting six **Heart of the Hill Tours** this each Fall and Spring. The tours are designed by the individual guide to share pieces of our collective story and town spirit through history, lore and personal experience.

Tours last 60-90 minutes and are FREE — although the two groups invite new members and encourage donations to the organizations! Sign up at the website above.

Last Sunday Open House Tours of Moorefields House and Grounds, from 1 pm – 5 pm, April – August. 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For information, call (919) 732-4384 or visit www.moorefields.org.

Arts/Music Events

2nd Friday Art Walk

Held the second Friday of the month in various art galleries throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Most of the galleries have live music and other art related entertainment. 6 – 9 pm.

www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

Music on Lawn of Weaver Street Market.

After Hours Thursdays evenings 6 pm – 8 pm 101 Weaver Street Carrboro early summer (May – June) and late summer (August – September). Sunday mornings Jazz Brunch 11 am – 1 pm in Carrboro (May through early October) and the Hillsborough Market at 228 S. Churton Street from May through August. Food, music and beer. www.weaverstreetmarket.coop

Last Fridays

Events on the evening of the last Friday of each month from April through early September from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm in the downtown historic district of Hillsborough. A band is featured on the old courthouse lawn plus visual arts, dance, and literature. Businesses, galleries, studios, restaurants, and museums and historic sites remain open and offer special events. Artists, food vendors, musicians, and craftspeople set up their wares on the sidewalks. 6:30- 9:30 pm. 919-643-2500.

www.lastfridays.org

Last Fridays Art Walks

Highlight gallery show openings in downtown Hillsborough from 6-9 pm., January – November. Art Walk is part of Last Fridays from April – September. 919-643-2500.

www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

Fridays on the Front Porch

Every Friday evening 5 pm – 8 pm late April through mid-October enjoy live music, food trucks & beverage specials, and comfortable seating on the shady front porch and lawn of the beautiful, historic Carolina Inn. (919-918-2777). Also events continue on home football games.

www.carolinainn.com

Visit www.chapelhillarts.org for Chapel Hill events.

Meadowmont Music Series - selected Saturdays through late spring and summer.

www.meadowmont.net/events

Movies at River Park

orangecountync.gov and visithillsboroughnc.com - Summer and fall in Hillsborough.

Movies Under the Stars

downtownchapelhill.com/movies - Movies on McCorkle Place on UNC Campus.

Rodeo On Rosemary

downtownchapelhill.com - Food truck rodeos on East Rosemary St each spring and fall.

Music on Sundays on the Southern Village Lawn in the evenings spring through summer. Also Friday & Sat. night movies and some Friday music on the lawn beginning late May.

www.southernvillage.com

Events during university calendar year at Memorial Hall www.carolinaperformingarts.org and PlayMakers Repertory Company www.playmakersrep.org

Farmers Markets

Year Round Farmers Markets – www.orangecountyfarms.org

UNC ATHLETICS - From late August - mid-May. Varsity teams compete in 13 men's and 15 women's sports. Schedule and Ticket Information at www.goheels.com

2020 Tar Heel Football home schedule at www.goheels.com

UNC Men's Basketball begins late November 2020

UNC Baseball opens mid-February 2020 with approximately 35 home games through mid-May 2020

Late Night with Roy -TBA. Doors open at 6 pm and event starts at 8 pm. Free.

As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.

Again more details on www.visitchapelhill.org

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